stores the generated first code in the ~~nonvolatile~~ <u>volatile</u> memory 13a. However, the smart ECU 13 does need not to store the generated first code in the memory 13a. In such a case, the smart ECU 13 generates a first code by performing a calculation each time the second coded communication is performed.

Page 16, line 28-Page 17, line 10, please amend as follows:

The second communication means is not limited to the engine ECU 15. For example, the second communication means may also be a door ECU for controlling the raising and lowering of the window glass. In this case, the door ECU enables the raising and lowering of the window glass when mutual authentications have been established in all mutual authentications including the first coded communication, the second coded communication, and the third coded communication. The second communication means may also be a CPU (ECU) for controlling the operation of a car audio device. In such cases, the ~~CUP~~ <u>CPU</u> enables the operation of the power window or the operation of the car audio device when mutual authentication is established for all mutual authentications including the first through third coded communications. This prevents unauthorized use of these vehicle apparatuses by a third person.